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In re Application of:)
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Jeffrey D. SAFFER et al.) Group Art Unit: 2623
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Serial No.: 09/410,367) Examiner: M. DASTOURI
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For: DATA PROCESSING, ANALYSIS,)
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated April 18, 2002, the period for response to which extends for one month thereafter, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-19, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to methods and systems for analyzing various data types to identify cluster groups of related objects; Group II, claims 20-44, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to methods for interactively generating and displaying reports by selecting a set of records and their associated attributes; and Group III, claims 45-58, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to method and apparatus for visualization of multiple queries to a database. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-19.

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